MINUTES

OF THE

GERMAN EVANGELICAL

Lutheran Synod,

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD AT HARRISBURG, IN TRINITY WEEK,

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MEETING OF

THE SYNOD,

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In compliance with a resolution adopted by the Synod of last year, the Ministers of the Pennsylvania Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the Deputies of their respective Congregations met on the 29th of May, being Trinity Sunday, 1831, in the Borough of Harrisburg.

The Rev. Pastor J. Miller, President of the Ministerium, delivered a very impressive and edifying discourse, in the Lutheran Church, in the German Language, from Math. 11, 7, in the forenoon. Rev. Pastor Ulhorn at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from Ps. 37, 5.—In the evening the Rev. Pastor Hecht, Secretary of the Synod from Prov. 20, 25, in the English Language. In the German Reformed Church, Rev. Pastor Krauth preached in the English Language from Luke 14, 22. On Saturday evening previous, the Rev. Jer. Shindel preached in the English Language, in the Lutheran Church, from Acts 17, 30.

MONDAY, 30th OF MAY,

A. M. 9 o'clock.

The Ministers and Deputies from the different Congregations met, according to notice, in the Lutheran Church. The President opened the session with singing and praying.

THE following Ministers were present, to wit:

Rev. Pastor	Hecht,	from	Easton.
——	J. Miller,	"	Reading.
——	Ulrich,	"	Tulpenhocken.
——	Batis,	"	Warwick.
——	Hemping,	"	Lykens' Valley.
——	Shindel,	"	Sunbury.
——	Probst,	"	Forks Township.
——	Wartman,	"	Whitehall.
——	Trumbower,	"	Leacock, Lancaster co.
——	Keller,	"	Germantown.
——	C. Miller,	"	Schwam.
——	German	"	Maccungy.
——	Krauth,	"	Philadelphia.
——	Demme,	"	Philadelphia.
——	Ulhorn,	"	Baltimore.
——	Stein,	"	Jonestown.
——	G. Yeager,	"	Jacksonville.
——	Lochman,	"	Harrisburg.
——	Rothrauff,	"	Maytown.
——	Abele,	"	Aaronsburg.
——	Waage,	"	Upper Hanover.
——	Scheurer,	"	
——	Reichert,	"	New Holland.
——	Ball,	"	Berwick.
——	H. S. Miller	"	Springfield.
——	Wampol,	"	Pikeland.
——	Kemer,	"	Richland.
——	Roeller, jr.	"	Long Schwam.
The Rev. Mr.	J. Binninger,	"	Nescopeck.
——	Jer. Shindel,	"	Bloomsburg.

THE following Gentlemen were absent, viz:

Rev. Dr.	Schafer, excused.	Rev. Pastor	Heim.
Pastor	Carpenter, excused.		Mennig.
	Jaeger, excused.		Geisenhainer, jr.
Dr.	Geisenheiner.		Weiandt.
Pastor	Roeller.		Walz.
	Vanhoff, excused.		Heilig.
	Ernst.		Beilharz.
	Meendsen.		C. P. Miller.
	Becker, excused.		Jos. Jaeger, excused.
	Filbert.		Gross, excused.
	Doering, excused.		German, jr.
	Strein.		

THE following Gentlemen produced their credentials, and took their seats as votable deputies of Congregations.

Mr. C. J. Hutter,	from Easton.
J. Haberacker,	Reading.
A. Rex,	Warwick.
P. Hettrich,	Lykens.
G. Holzman,	Sunbury.
J. Sheurer,	Whitehall.
J. Kuchner,	Reamstown.
A. Statler,	Falcon Swamp.
P. Stein,	Jonestown.
David Humel,	Harrisburg.
F. Beirott.	Maytown.
M. Moser,	Aaronsburg.
A. Schmidt,	Charleston, Bucks county.
Andw. Fleischer,	New Holland.
G. Fuchs,	Bucksville.
H. Bartles,	Flatland.
J. Ginginger,	Long Swamp.
Ch. Brobst,	Cattawissa.

The following gentlemen appeared as deputies from other Synods, and were admitted to full membership of this body :

The Rev. Dr. Mayer, as Deputy of the New York Synod, who delivered twenty copies of their last years minutes.

The Rev. Dr. Schmucker of the West Pennsylvania Synod.

The Rev. Pastors Stecher and Gustav Schulze, appeared and were received as members of this body.

On motion,

Resolved, That any member, of an organized ecclesiastical body, who may desire membership of this Synodical meeting, shall be accepted as such.

The Rev. Mr. D. Zacharias of the German Reformed Synod, appeared as a Delegate of said body and took his seat. He presented twelve copies of their last year's proceedings. The whole were received with pleasure and gratitude.

The Rev. Pastor Reynolds of the Episcopal Church was introduced, and took a seat among us.

Thus the Synod consisted of fifty-four members.

THE President notified the Synod, that an election was now to be held, for officers, for the present year.—A committee was appointed to superintend said election —and after counting all the votes, it appeared that

The Rev. Pastor Demme, was elected President.
The Rev. Pastor Shindel, Secretary.
The Rev. Pastor Ulrich, Treasurer.

THE different letters and papers directed to the Synod, were now, on the President's call, handed in, numbered and referred to five committees, to examine their contents, and make report thereon.

The *first* Committee consisted of Messrs. J. Miller, Ulrich and Hutter.

The *second* Committee, of Messrs. Batis, Probst and Haberacker.

The *third* Committee of Messrs. Hecht, Wartman and Brobst.

The *fourth* Committee of Messrs. Keller, C. Miller, and David Humel.

The *fifth* Committee of Messrs. German, Ulhorn, and Holzman.

THE Minutes of last year's meeting were now to be read, the Synod agreed, however, to dispense with reading the same.

Messrs. Hemping and Krauth were appointed a committee to examine the last year's proceedings of this Synod, and report thereon.

Messrs. Scheurer, G. Jager and Hetrick to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, for last year.

The session was closed with prayer.

Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THE session was opened with singing and prayer.

Messrs. Ruthrauff, H. S. Miller and Fleischer were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the Synod of New York, of last year.

Messrs Trumbauer, Waage and Stein, for those of the German Reformed Synod, of last year, and to report thereon.

THE *first* Committee made report, as follows:

No. 1. A letter from the late Governor, J. Andrew Shulze, containing transcripts of letters of Dr. Niemeyer and others, concerning the transfer of $341, arising from the Legacies of Halle.

No. 2. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Gross, of Hamilton township, in which he desires to be excused for his non-attendance—and makes report of his official labors, during the last year.

The excuse was accepted.

No. 3. A letter from the Rev. Pastor Becker, of Lancaster, in which he excuses his absence—makes report of his official labours of last year, and states the situation of the Treasury of the Synod.

His excuse, for non-attendance, was accepted.

THE *second* Committee made the following report:

No. 4. A letter from the Rev. Dr. F. D. Shafer, Senior of the Ministerium, in which he excuses his absence. The committee was of opinion that the same ought to be read. Which was accordingly done.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Shafer be excused for

non-attendance, and that he be requested to answer the letter of Pastor Carpenter, to assure him of our love and respect.

No. 5. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Vanhof, in which he states indisposition as a reason for non-attendance, and communicates a report of his official labours.

Mr. Vanhof's excuse was accepted.

No. 6. A letter from Mr. Billmeyer, of Germantown, concerning the German Lutheran Hymn Book. The committee moved to have the letter read; which was accordingly done—And after the Synod expressed its opinion on the subject, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject, be postponed, indefinitely. That his letter, however, should be answered by the President, and he be assured of our respect and friendship.

No. 7. A letter from the Vestry of Frieden's Congregation, in Schuylkill county, stating that they have chosen a Mr. George Frey as their preacher; desiring the Synod to see him examined, and if found worthy, to appoint him their Pastor.

Resolved, That if Mr. Frey shall be accounted worthy of the office, he shall be appointed, to officiate in said congregation.

THE *third* committee made report as follows:

No. 8. A letter signed by the Vestry of Buffaloe, Youngmanstown, Derrstown and Whitedeer Congregations, in which they state, that a decision by the Court of Union county, respecting the conduct of the Rev. J. G. Heim, is deemed a sufficient reason by them, why the said Mr. Heim is to be removed from the Pastoral care

of said Congregations—and pray that the same may be done. The committee moved to have the letter read. Whereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That if the Rev. Mr. Heim, should be unable to justify himself, at our next Synodical meeting, he shall be dealt with according to the prayers of his congregations.

2. That, to avoid disturbances, the said Rev. Heim is to stand in no connection, as Pastor, with his congregations during the present year.

No. 9. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Wagner of Milton, favourable to Mr. Jared Schitz.

No. 10. Also a letter from the congregations of Blackhole and Whitedeer, in favour of Mr. J. Schitz.

The consideration of which, was postponed, for the present.

The *fourth* committee reported as follows:

No. 11, 12, 13. Contain letters from six different congregations, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Schitz; They contain evidences of the highest terms, both as respects his conduct and his preaching—they pray that he may be acknowledged worthy of the office and accepted a member of the Ministerium. After these three numbers, together with the two preceding, were duly considered, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That we rejoice, on account of the evidences, favourable to Mr. J. Schitz, and that we will now, according to promise, receive him as a member of our association.

No. 14. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Waltz, to the Rev. Pres. Miller—The consideration of which was postponed.

The *fifth* committee reported as follows :

No. 15. A letter from the Rev. Pastor J. Jager, stating his reasons for non-attendance at this Synod :

"Not indisposition, nor the great distance do I give as reasons of absence ; but the imprudent and unbrotherly behaviour of one of the members of the Synod at our last years meeting, toward me and my father." He further informs the Synod, that he has accepted a call from the congregations of Allentown and Upper Saccona. He hopes that all transactions of the Synod may be done in peace and harmony, and communicates a report of his, and his father's official labours, of the preceding year.

On motion,

Resolved, That Pastor J. Jaeger and his Rev. father be excused for non-attendance at this Synod ; that his accusations however, concerning one of our brethren, are disapproved of.

The session closed with prayer.

This evening the Rev. Dr. Mayer, preached in the English language, from Philipians 3. 8.

Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Hymn and prayer opened the sesssion.

The Rev. Pastor Waltz appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Beiroth, Deputy from Maytown, asked leave of absence—which was granted.

No. 14. Was again brought before the Synod—whereupon it was

Resolved, That said letter did not belong to the Synod, but was the property of Pastor J. Miller—and that brother Miller had permission to receive the same.

Resolved, That the letter of Dr. Niemyer relative to the European Legacies, be now read.

The Rev Dr. Schmucker having in his possession a translation of said letter, in the English language, was therefore requested to read the same. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the legacies be dismissed from a further consideration of the subject.

2. That the distribution of both legacies is left solely and entirely at the option of the President of the Synod. That the President shall however, lay all the information, he may obtain, during the present year, relative to the European legacies, before the next meeting of the Synod.

3. That all notes of hand taken by the former President, of monies loaned out, from these legacies, are declared null and void.

4. That the Rev. Mr. Becker, Treasurer, is hereby empowered to deliver the monies arising from the legagies, to the President of the Synod.

The Rev. J. Gerhart appeared as a Delegate from the German Reformed Synod. He was requested to take a seat among us.

Pastor J. Miller, from the committee appointed to wait upon the Corporation of Saint Michael's and Zion Congregations in Philadelphia, and to negociate with said corporation, concerning the legacies in its possession, reported as follows:

1 That they have met a committee, appointed on the part of said corporation, and,

2 That said committee have made the following declaration, on the subject:

[*a*] That the corporation is willing to consign the said monies into the possession of the Synod, so soon as the Synod present lawful authority, to receive the same.

[*b*] That the corporation, will, however, upon no terms, agree to hold the legacies, making them accountable to the Synod for the same.

Hereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Presidents of the two Synods of Pennsylvania be requested to use all necessary means to obtain the remainder of said monies.

The *fifth* committee continued to report:

No. 16. Destroyed.

No. 17. A letter from the congregation of Williamsport, in which they express thanks to the Synod for sending to them the Rev. Gustav. Schulze, as a minister of the Gospel. They inform the Synod that Mr. Schulze accepted a call from them, as their Pastor—and they give a friendly invitation, to hold the next Synodical meeting at that place and dedicate their new church.

Further, an instrument of writing wherein the Block-House congregation, render thanks, for sending among them the Rev. Mr. Schulze.

Rev. Schulze's report as travelling preacher.

A letter from Mr. Stock, in which he prays for an additional sum of five dollars.

Resolved, That the thanks of the congregations of Williamsport and Blockhouse, are accepted with pleasure.

That the travelling report of Rev. Mr. Schulze, be accepted.

That the request of the Rev. Mr. Stock may be complied with, if the President of the Synod deems proper.

No. 18. A letter from the Roaring Creek congregation, wherein they pray that the Rev. Jeremiah Shindel be permitted to take charge of said congregation—which was granted.

No. 19. A resolution of a conference held at Greensburg, by which the Rev. Pastors Heyer and Sharrets were empowered to receive, in the name of the conference, a certain portion of the interests, arising from the European legacies.

Resolved, That the Rev. President has to dispose of the legacies.

The Rev. C. Helfenstein was introduced, and requested to take a seat among us.

The Rev. Pastor Hemping of the committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of our last years meeting, made report, as follows:

1. Your committee find a resolution, relative to Mr. Jared Schitz: "That if the said Mr. Schitz appear at the next Synod, furnished with similar recommendatory papers, he may cherish the hope of becoming a member of this body."

Decided yesterday—vide Nos. 11, 12, 13.

2. Your committee find that the decision of the question, "whether a brother can be a member of two Synods at one time," was postponed to the present meeting.

3. That brothers Filbert and Ulhorn were appointed a committee to consult with the West Pennsylvania Synod, relative to the Franklin College.

4. That the Rev. G. Shulze and Rev. Scheurer were appointed Travelling Ministers, for six months, each.

5. That the committee appointed, concerning the Franklin College, consisted of Messrs. Filbert, Ulhorn, Batis, Becker, Dr. Muhlenberg and Keffer—that they were to examine into the state of this institution and publish a report thereof, to be distributed among the members of our churches.

6. That Delegates were appointed to the different Synods: Pastor Probst to the New York Synod—Pastor Lochman to the West Pennsylvania—Pastor Ruthrauff to the Maryland and Pastor Ulhorn to the German Reformed Synod.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That no brother can be a member of two Synods, at the same time.

The session closed with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The session was opened with prayer.

Continuation of the last committee.

Pastor Ulhorn reported on the fifth preceding Art. "That *all* was done on the subject, that possibly could have been done."

Resolved, That every member of the Synod take for distribution a portion of the printed pamphlets, relative to the Franklin college.

The Rev. Pastor Probst observed—That he attended the New York Synod, and was cordially received—Pastor Lochman said, he attended the West Pennsylvania Synod and was received with kindness; and so said Pastor Ruthrauff, that he was present at the Maryland Synod, and Pastor Ulhorn, that he being at the German Reformed Synod, and were kindly received:

The Rev. Pastor Waage of the committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the German Reformed Synod, made report: That they have found the following articles, that have reference to our Synod:

1. That the Rev .Mr. Ulhorn, delegate from our Synod, appeared, and was received as an advising member at their synod.

2. That a committee had been appointed by the Reformed Synod, to investigate, in conjunction with our committee, Messrs. Ulhorn and D. Mayer, the concerns of the Franklin college at Lancaster.

3. That the Synod, on motion of said committee, *Resolved*, That the Address "To the Germans of Pennsylvania," published by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, deserves to be recommended to the serious consideration of all ministers and members of their associaation—and that one half of the costs arising from publishing the same, be defrayed out of their Synodical fund.

4. That the Rev. Zacharias and Rev. J. Gerhart were appointed delegates primarii, and Revs. H. Kroh and Henry B. Shaffner, secundi, to appear at our present Synod—and that these delegates were to unite with a committee, to be appointed by this body, to examine in conjunction, the concerns of the Franklin Institute—and that Professor Mayer and Rev. Albert Helfenstein, sr. were added to said delegates.

5. And finally your committee observes, that the said Reformed Synod resolved to transmit twelve copies of their proceedings to every Synod, that stands in correspondence with them.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed last year, for

the purpose of investigating the concerns of the Franklin Institute, be the committee for the present year, to meet a similar committee of the Reformed Synod, at the appointed time, at Lancaster, to examine further into the state of said institution.

Resolved, That we thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the German Reformed Synod.

Resolved, That the portion of those printed addresses belonging to the Reformed Synod, be delivered to them.

The committee to whom was referred the minutes of the New York synod, made report, as follows :

1. That our delegate, the Rev. Mr. Probst appeared in that body and received a seat amongst them, as a member of their Synodical meeting, on September 10, 1830, in Ghent Columbia.

2. That it was stated to that body, by the President, that he observed in the minutes of this Synod, a resolution, by which this Synod seemed to exercise jurisdiction within the bounds of the New York Synod.

3. That the Rev. Dr. Mayer, of Philadelphia, was appointed delegate to this Synod.

4. That a number of their minutes were to be sent to this Synod.

On motion,

Resolved. That we feel rejoiced on account of the friendly reception of our delegate, at the New York Synod.

Resolved, That we have the pleasure of seeing Dr. Mayer amongst us.

Resolved, That we thankfully acknowledge the receipt of a number of copies of their minutes.

The Rev. Mr. Scheurer stated to the Synod, that on account of indisposition, he could not fulfil his engagements as a Travelling Minister, during the preceding year—he therefore hopes to be excused.

Resolved, That brother Scheurer be excused.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer, report as follows:

The state of the old fund from the year 1829, amounted to	$42 77
Contributions of Clergymen and Deputies, of the preceding year,	147 49½
Collections from the Travelling Preacher, Mr. German,	80 00
Interests received on $756 25,	37 82
	$308 08½
Expenditures, from the 10th June to the 22d of September, 1830.	$258 60
In the hands of the Treasurer,	$49 48½

The accounts of the Roedelheim Legacy your Committee find thus:

Capital received by his Excellency Governor Shulze, amounting to		$1343 75
Interest from the City of Lancaster for eighteen months,		100 77
		$1444 52
From this sum is to be deducted money loaned out at five per cent. to the city of Lancaster,	$1343 75	
Paid to the Rev. Mr. Waltz,	65 00	—1408 75
Leaving a balance in the hands of Mr. Becker,		$35 77

The balance of the whole account in the hands of the Treasurer would therefore be $85 25, which sum the Rev. Mr. Becker, according to a receipt, delivered to the present Treasurer, Mr. Ulrich.

Attest, F. G. JAEGER,
PETER SCHEURER.

The Ministers were requested to bring in the reports of their official labours of last year—also, their contributions to the Synodical Fund, between this time and tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Synod appointed their Delegates.

Pastor Hecht to the Synod of New York.

—— Lochman to the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

—— J. Miller & Lochman to the German Reformed.

It was now taken into consideration whether any Ministers shall be sent into vacant congregations.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Minister is to be appointed by the President to visit the vacant congregations of Cohenzy, Lower Marion and Frankfort, and to labour among them for the space of six months.

The question was now put, "Shall any money be distributed among the Widows of Clergymen?"

Whereupon, it was on motion

Resolved, That twenty dollars, out of the funds of the Synod, be handed to Widow Colson—The same sum to Widow Lehman—and also, the same sum to Widow Ilgen.

The subject of FREY'S INSTITUTE was taken into consideration. On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer and deliberate with the Attorney already appointed, upon the subject of this institute.

Resolved, That, if necessary, the committee have power to engage another able Attorney, with those already employed.

Resolved, That the Rev. Pastors Hecht and Lochnan, and Mr. C. J. Huetter, be the said committee.

Pastor Scheurer desired to know, if he should feel himself strong enough, during the present year, whether he could not be appointed a travelling Minister.

Whereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That if Rev. Scheurer should feel himself strong enough, and desires to travel, for the term of three months, to visit vacant Congregations, that he shall be satisfied out of the Synodical funds.

The Secretary received directions to have 500 copies of the present proceedings, printed in the German, and 200 copies in the English language—and that the expenses thereof shall be defrayed out of the Synodical fund.

An Election was now held for the next meeting of the Synod. Invitations were received from Williamsport, Easton and Womelsdorf. The votes being taken, it appeared that *Womelsdorf* was fixed upon as the place for the meeting in 1832, and Trinity feast the time.

The Synodical business being now finished—a Hymn to the praise of God, was sung—the whole meeting bowed before the Omnipotent, and after a fervent prayer, the President dismissed the Deputies, recommending them to the blessing of God.

The following are the Parochial Returns, &c. made this year by the ministers of this Association :

Ministers names	*Cong.*	*Bap.*	*Confr.*	*Com'd.*	*Died*	*Sch'ls.*	*Cont'ns.*
Dr. Schaefer,	1	205	38	820	156	3	
Pastor Jaeger,	2	102	130	492	22	6	
—— Roeller,							
—— Hecht,	2	126					
—— J. Miller,	5	146	64	487	38	4	$10 00
—— Ulrich,	7	131	68	965	28	7	5 00
—— Vanhoff,	1	24	21	80	13		
—— Ernst,	6	176	31	743	73	5	5 00
—— Batis,	3	77	28	394	32	3	
—— Meendson							
—— Becker,		101	40	321	50	1	10 00
—— Hemping,	6	133	81	533	11	4	5 25
—— Shindel,	8	208	72	1024	28	4	5 00
—— Probst,	5	219	153	662	19	5	
—— Doering & —— Wartman,	6	193	47	940	48	7	
—— Strein,							
—— Heim,							
—— Menig,							
—— C. Miller,	6	168	197	1660	56	6	
—— Keller	3	89	27	494	70	3	3 00
—— Trumbauer,	5	83	57	346	25	5	
—— German,	4	102	97	937	14		20 64
—— Krauth,	1	12	14	90			
—— Demme,							
—— Weiandt,	1	48	19	150	15		
—— Waltz,							
—— Ulhorn,							
—— Stein,	7	130	50	720	36	7	
—— G. Jaeger,	8	103	63	763	18	6	
—— Lochman,							
—— Heiling,							
—— Rothrauf,	5	53	24	304	21	3	
—— Abele,	4	170	53	615	15	4	10 25
—— Waage,	3	98	42	590	25	2	
—— Scheurer,							
—— Reigert,	4	103	76	463	22	4	6 00
—— Ball,	6	65	20	250	15	4	
—— Beilharz,							
—— H. S. Miller,	4	92	43	311	32	4	
—— C. P. Miller,							
—— Wampole,	4	84	52	428	30	3	6 25
—— Kemer,	4	90	30	305	13	3	
—— J. Jaeger,	2	136		357	44	6	
—— Gross,	6	125	35	271	21	8	
—— Benninger,	7	93	63	396	26	5	
—— Roeller, jr.	4	93	26	403	9	3	
—— German, jr.							
Cand. Schindel,	5	116	136	847	16	5	5 00

SESSION OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Immediately after the close of the session of the Synod, the Ministerial Meeting commenced.

The Rev. Professor Schmucker was introduced and requested to take a seat among us.

Messrs. Jared Schitz, George Frey, Jeremiah Herpel, Marcus Herpel, and John Felty, appeared as applicants for examination and reception.

Resolved, That these Gentlemen shall have permission to be examined.

On motion, the President appointed two committees to examine the applicants.

The first committee consisted of Messrs. Hecht, Krauth, G. Jaeger and Keller, to which Jeremiah Herpel George Frey, and J. Felty were referred.

The second committee consisted of Messrs. Probst, Ulhor,n Dr. Schmucker, and C. Miller, who were directed to examine Jared Schitz and Marcus Herpel.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening the Rev. Mr. Krauth, preached in the English Language from John 16, 14.

Wednesday Morning 9 o'clock.

Hymn and Prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Mayer and Pastor German, requested, and obtained leave of absence.

A number of papers of a certain Mr. Ph. J. Deininger were laid on the table. On motion, said papers were referred to the Rev. Mr. Abele and Wampole, to examine them and report thereon.

A motion was made by Pastors Hecht and C. Miller, that the candidates J. J. Benninger and Jer. Shindel be ordained this evening—which was agreed to,

The first examining committee reported: That they have examined Messrs. Jer. Herpel, George Frey, and J. Felty. The committee was considerably gratified with the qualifications of Mr. Herpel—That the other two, however, were too ignorant to be recommended to the Ministerium, in any character, whatever.

Resolved, That Mr. Jeremiah Herpel, be admitted as a candidate; and as such, receive the usual license.

The second committee reported: That Mr. Schitz did not study the Languages, yet upon the most important parts of Divinity and Church History, answered to their satisfaction. That Mr. M. Herpel had some knowledge of the Latin and Greek, and satisfied the committee in his attainments of Theology and Church History,

Resolved, That Mr. Schitz and Marcus Herpel be licensed as candidates for the Ministerium.

A motion of the last year's Ministerium, to be decided by this body, respecting applicants, was now taken into consideration.—After a modification was offered and accepted, the motion passed in the following shape:

That at the close of each Ministerial meeting, the President shall appoint an examining committee for the ensuing year, which committee shall have privilege to examine the applicants, at any convenient time, during the sessions of the Synod and Ministerium.

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Whereupon, the committee for the ensuing session, was appointed by the President, and consists of Messrs. Hecht, Krauth, Batis, C. Miller, Keller and Ulhorn.

The committee to whom was referred the papers of Ph. J. Deininger, made report as follows:

That the said Mr. Deininger was a native of Wurtemburg—that he received a liberal education—that particular circumstances led him into a military life—that he served in different important stations—that he at length was permitted to emigrate to America—that he now prays the Rev. Ministerium to give him advice, or to assist him in procuring some Congregations. He is willing to subject himself to an examination—he has good testimonials both as respects his knowledge and character, &c.

The committee recommend him to the particular attention of the Ministerium. No resolution could be adopted, at present, &c.

Hereupon the President mentioned, that the business of the Ministerium was now finished. The meeting joined in singing praises to our God, and the President closed the same with a fervent prayer.

In the evening the Clergymen and Congregation met in the house of God. Dr. Schmucker preached from 2d John 1, 9. After which the Ordination was performed, by the Rev. President, assisted by the other Officers of the Synod—and the accepted candidates received their licenses. The Secretary then returned thanks to the Congregation of Harrisburg, for the kindness and hospitality, which the Synod enjoyed at their hands.—The benediction was then pronounced, and the congregation dismissed.

May the great head of His Church smile upon us, and bless the labour of our meetings—May we and our congregations be enlightened and sanctified more and more

—be the true followers of the Son of God: May His Church be preserved in its purity—be planted among all nations of the earth, that all mankind may know that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the Glory of God the father—Amen.

That the foregoing is extracted from the proceedings of the Sessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium, met in Trinity week 1831, at Harrisburg, is attested by

J. P. SHINDEL, Secretary.